
Southeast Wisconsin Medical Reserve Corps
*Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy and Prepared
Communities*



Quarterly Review

January 2010

Attention Volunteers:

If you have assisted in local clinic activities and were not mentioned in the Volunteer Spotlight, I apologize. Please keep me informed of your activities so that you can be properly recognized and your activities can be documented.

Thank you!

~Linda~

Basic Training — Don't Miss It!

All MRC Members joining our unit are required to complete basic training consisting of Orientation, CERT Training, ICS 100, NIMS 700, participation in a minimum of one exercise, and putting together a family preparedness and Go Kit.

We realize that for some folks this has been difficult. Therefore, we have planned a training session that will incorporate many of these core competencies. On January 16, 2010, we will have a training at the Oak Creek Fire Station #3, 7000 S. 6th St., Oak Creek, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

This training will include Orientation, ICS 100, NIMS 700, and fit-testing (for PPE) for those who have completed and turned in their medical evaluation. This is an excellent opportunity to not only fulfill your

requirements, but also to meet some of your fellow MRC members and leadership staff. Members who have already completed their basic training are welcome to come and refresh their skills.



Please be sure to get this training requirement completed. We need each and every one of you to be a knowledgeable and active member of our unit. **You are all valued members!**

Pre-registration is needed for the training in order to plan for materials and lunch. Please contact Linda Botts NO LATER THAN January 8th if you are planning on attending. Hope to see you there!

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Volunteer Spotlight

We have received an astounding number of volunteer requests this fall, and I would like to take the time to thank the following people who stepped up to help out at the following activities:

Racine and Kenosha Medical Collection Day:

Katie Edge, Vonnice Youngs, Michele Breheim, Jim Campbell, Ashley Brown, Diana Andrekus, and Pat Adams.

2-1-1 Call Centers:

Robin Bidwell. Thanks also to **Frank**

Riedijk and Barb Hanke for being on standby to assist at the call centers.

Clinic Activities:

Barb Hanke, Debra Waala, and Jack Holmstedt have helped out at a number of different clinics in Racine, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Waukesha and Washington Counties.

Data Entry:

Melissa Ward. Thanks also to **Jim Campbell** and **Pat Adams** for being on standby to assist. *Thank You!*

Packer Community Quarterback Award—Jack Holmstedt

Congratulations to Leadership Volunteer Jack Holmstedt, one of 20 recipients of the Green Bay Packers 2009 Community Quarterback Award! Jack has been with the SE WI MRC since 2005 and has risen from Community Response Volunteer to Leadership. He has been an incredible force in our organization, devoting his time and



talent to brainstorming new ideas and partnerships, as well as volunteering at almost every activity. He has assisted other MRC Members in completing their training requirements, including orientation, ICS, NIMS and preparedness. Jack also serves as the Assistant Coordinator of our unit, and helps

with many administrative functions, such as updating unit materials, purchasing, assembling and maintaining equipment and supplies, and collaborating with other units on training, and other activities. Jack created and does an excellent job of maintaining the SE WI MRC Facebook page for Members, friends and partners.



In addition to the honor of being a named a Community Quarterback, our unit will also receive \$1,000 from the Packers Organization. Jack will accept his award at Lambeau Field on January 21st. Jack, thank you for your dedication to the MRC!

Don't Forget—Recruitment Contest Underway

Don't forget the recruitment contest, running now through June 30, 2010. The bag will be awarded to the MRC Member who refers the most people into our unit. Qualifying referrals are people who complete the volunteer application and pass the background check.

We are hoping to find your active friends and family, people who enjoy helping out in their communities and are looking for new ways to become involved. Remember, we have both medical and non-medical members who support a variety of activities within our unit and can utilize skill sets from their everyday work lives.

Winning this cool bag is easy! Be sure to ask family, friends, co-workers and colleagues to join you in supporting the health and safety of your community by volunteering with the MRC, have them complete a volunteer application, and submit it to Linda. She

takes care of the rest and will credit you with every qualifying referral you make.

Be the one to win the bag—get started today!



The briefcase is a soft case that features both leather padded handles and a leather padded shoulder strap. It is expandable and comes with a removable padded computer case. There are file separators and multiple pockets for organization.

HOSA

Our unit has begun reaching out to HOSA classes in the area (Health Occupations Students of America) to present information to them on disaster preparedness and partnering with the MRC. If you know of a HOSA group in your area, please let Linda know so she can contact them.

Upcoming Training, Exercise and Activities Calendar

Please note the volunteer opportunities below, all listed in **blue**. Dates are still tentative pending the arrival of the vaccine.

January:

16—MRC Basic Training, 9 a.m.—1 p.m. Oak Creek Fire Station #3, 7000S. 6th St. Oak Creek. Training is free, lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Linda Botts by January 8th, 262-446-5077 or sewimrc@yahoo.com.

27-30—EMS Conference, Midwest Express Center, Milwaukee. Volunteers needed to help staff MRC display booth. Please contact Linda Botts if you can assist, 262-446-5077 or sewimrc@yahoo.com. For more information, see article below.

January 30 and February 6—*Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training at WCTC, Pewaukee Campus. 8 a.m.—6 p.m. each day. Please contact Kate Pillman, kpillman@waukeshacounty.gov or 262-446-5077 to register.

February:

16, 18 & 19—*Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training at the Milwaukee Fire/Police Training Academy, Milwaukee. 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m. each day. Please contact Lisa Sherman, lsherman@milwcnty.com or 414-278-4709 to register.

25—Waukesha Memorial Hospital Leadership Meeting MRC presentation, 3:30-5 p.m.

March:

15, 17 & 18—*Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training at the Milwaukee Fire/Police Training Academy, Milwaukee. 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m. each day. Please contact Lisa Sherman, lsherman@milwcnty.com or 414-278-4709 to register.

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Thank you for volunteering with the MRC. Please remember to send in your training & exercise certificates so that your records are current and you are on track for an appreciation reward. Also, if you have any contact updates, please notify Linda of those, as well. Thank You!

*Denotes required MRC training opportunity for all MRC members.

2010 EMS Conference, January 27-30, Milwaukee



This will be the first year that our unit will have a display at the EMS Conference in Milwaukee. We are sharing a booth with the Wisconsin Disaster Medical Response Team MRC, one of our close partners, and will be introducing information on personal preparedness and volunteering with the MRC. This conference spans four days and we will need to have staff in the booth at all times that the vendor hall is open. This is a great opportunity to meet and connect with new people from all over the state. We will be having a daily free drawing for preparedness packs, and our WDMRT partners will have surprises of their own in the booth. If you are interested in helping to staff this, please let Linda know at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your help in representing the MRC!

MRC TRAINING CONFERENCE

We are working on putting together a training conference for volunteers that will incorporate various subject matter that has been requested by MRC members. Please look for more information to follow soon!

The Last Word

Public Health Summit

February 16-19

Atlanta, Georgia

The 2010 Public Health Preparedness Summit, "Partners in Preparedness: Engaging a Community for a Successful Public Health Response," will strengthen and enhance the capabilities of public health professionals and other participants to plan and prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters and other public health emergencies. The Summit will achieve this goal by providing knowledge and learning sessions that enable participants to:

- Identify key gaps in planning, workforce development, and performance measurement across the public health system;
 - Access key resources and tools that will enhance or sustain their professional work or volunteer role in planning for, responding to, and recovering from disasters and other public health emergencies; and
 - Develop a network of professional colleagues who share a commitment to improving, enhancing, and sustaining the public health response to disasters.
- Pat Adams, Leadership Volunteer, has won a scholarship and will attend this Summit on behalf of our unit. If you are interested in learning more about what is being presented there, please check: www.phprepare.org.
- Information courtesy of www.phprepare.org.*



"The only thing more difficult than preparing for disasters is explaining why you didn't."

-Dr. Rex Archer
Director of Health
Kansas City, MO

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Please make sure to send in a picture of your Emergency Supply Kit and Go Kit. This is required for ALL members.

Thank You!

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